

**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

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FOR: SUPPORT STRUCTURE CARRYING THRUST LOAD OF TRANSMISSION,
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THEREOF AND THRUST NEEDLE
ROLLER BEARING

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 44 pages of specification, claims, abstract.
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ Priority Claimed.
- ☒ Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-323874(P)
Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-003116(P)
- ☒ 16 sheets of formal drawing.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to NTN CORPORATION
and the assignment recordation fee.
- ☒ An associate power of attorney.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and reference.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

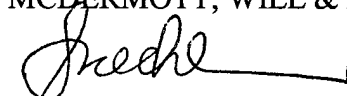
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